

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, August 18, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via phone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via phone

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Eric Eck

(317) In the matter of NWE FERC ES03044-000 – Docket D2003.8.111; Commissioner Schneider moved to participate in FERC filing and intervene in FERC proceedings. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Kate Whitney

(318) In the matter of MCC's comments to FERC in Dockets EL01-118-000 & EL-01-118-001; Commissioner Jergeson moved to file comments supporting MCC's request on the OTSC order. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to work with MCC and prepare draft comments in the Market Rate Review Docket. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

Ann Purcell  
Acting Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel  
Utility Division

(319) In the matter of Sprint Communications - N2003.7.98; On July 17, 2003, Sprint filed changes to its current price list. In this filing Sprint is introducing Sprint/CVS prepaid phone card, Sprint/CVS Mexico Surcharge Prepaid PhoneCard, Sprint Minute Prepaid PhoneCard III, Sprint/MGI Closeouts Prepaid PhoneCard, and Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All Day V, VI and VII. Sprint is also requesting to Grandfather Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All day II and make miscellaneous text change. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the changes to the price list. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(320) In the matter of T-03.38.ST, Mark L. Foos dba City Cab, Billings, Montana; On June 13, 2003 applied to transfer PSC No. 7489 to City Cab, Inc., Billings, Montana. The sale and transfer was noticed to the public on July 9, 2003 and there were no protests.

SUB A Class B – Passengers and their baggage between all points and places within Yellowstone, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon and Big Horn Counties.  
Limitations: (1) Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad Co. work crews is prohibited. (2) Transportation is limited to the use of motor vehicles with a passenger rated capacity of seven (7) or less.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(321) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 4, 2004. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel

(322) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of CenturyTel Tariff filing – D2003.4.47; Commissioner Brainard moved to grant CenturyTel's request to withdraw Tariff Transmittal 03-04, without prejudice. In the event the tariff is re-filed outstanding discovery that has not been answered may be re-activated in any subsequent docket.. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Monica Tranel

(323) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of QLD Tariff – D2002.12.153; Commissioner Schneider moved to direct QLD to respond fully to each data request propounded in PSC-049 and PSC-051, on or before August 29, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Schneider, Jergeson and Brainard voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(324) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE/Vigilante Electric Coop/ Exclusive service Agreement, Whitehall and Divide Service areas – D2003.2.21; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve an electric territorial integrity act exclusive service agreement for the Whitehall and Divide areas. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck

(325) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Investigation of NWE's financial condition and transactions with affiliates and creditors – D2003.8.109; Commissioner Stovall moved to direct its staff to convene a procedural conference. Pending Staff recommendations resulting from that conference, the Commission adopts the Procedural Schedule recommended by MCC and included as Attachment 2 to this Order. The Commission also directs its staff, as soon as practicable to convene a technical conference of parties for the purpose of facilitating the process and discovery of this investigation. These conferences may be held simultaneously. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(326) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwestern Energy, Petition by Large Customer Group, Consumer Counsel, and Energy Share, regarding Universal System Benefits, Related Charges, Revenue Accounting, and Use of Funds - D2003.8.114; Commissioner Jergeson moved to issue a proposed order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(327) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE 2002/2003 gas tracker – D2002.11.140; Commissioner Brainard moved to deny late intervention. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby and Marla Larson

(328) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West/Environmental Surcharge – D2003.4.50; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue a draft order. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

(329) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state travel; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve out of state travel for Mike Lee to attend a Qwest Regional Oversight Committee Meeting, September 28-29, 2003 in Seattle, Washington. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(330) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of attending classes for Mike Morris; Commissioner Jergeson moved to authorize Mike Lee to assign a program for Mike Morris to attend classes at Carroll College or Helena College of Technology. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, August 21, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via phone

Commissioner Brainard was absent but left his vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Eric Eck

(331) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Investigation into NorthWestern Corp. – D2003.8.109; Commissioner Jergeson moved to issue order, with amendments discussed at the work session. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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